



**United States Department of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing Service, Science and Technology  
Pesticide Data Program  
Commodity Fact Sheet**  
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- **PRODUCT:** Eggplant (EP)
- **ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Fresh Eggplant. Select traditional types that are oval or long and tapered in shape with a black, purplish-black, or purple skin color, often with a green calyx. If the variety is easily identified, enter that information in the “Variety” section of the SIF. If the variety is not available, leave the “Variety” field blank. Sample collectors should not confuse the brand or trade name (i.e., Dole™, Libby’s™) with variety name on the SIF.
- **UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Specialty types that vary in shape, size, and color.
- **AVAILABILITY:** Year round.
- **SAMPLE SIZE:** 5 lbs (minimum of 2 eggplants).
- **PACKAGING AND SHIPPING:** Ship with gel packs. Desired transit temperature: 46-54° F, 8-12° C; relative humidity 90 to 95%. **NOTE:** Because it is lightweight for its size, eggplant cannot withstand heavy weight or pressure. Cushion carefully when shipping to avoid skin abrasions, puncturing and compression.
- **ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:** Sensitive.

***This fact sheet is to be used in conjunction with all applicable PDP Standard Operating Procedures <http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pdp/SOPs.htm>***

